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GLIGA

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1. REFTEL AND MESSAGE RECEIVED BY MFA FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY RE GLIGA'S SCHEDULE WERE DISCUSSED BY GLIGA AND AMBASSADOR IN JANUARY 26 MEETING (SEE BUCHAREST 0474 AND 0475). WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS REFTEL AND ROMANIAN EMBASSY PROPOSED PROGRAM COINCIDE.

2. RE VISIT TO NIH GLIGA EXPRESSED SOME PUZZLEMENT (WHICH WE SHARE) AS TO THE REASONS FOR THAT CALL. HE NOTED HIS OWN PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT SEEM TO WARRANT SUCH A VISIT DURING SHORT TRIP AND SUGGESTED IT BE DELETED FROM SCHEDULE, IN ORDER THAT HE COULD SPEND THE AFTERNOON IN DISCUSSION AT ROMANIAN EMBASSY. WE SHARE HIS VIEW AND RECOMMEND IT BE DELETED.

3. GLIGA EXPRESSED DISTINCT SATISFACTION AT POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT BUT AT SAME TIME SAID HE STILL HOPES THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE MIGHT HAVE
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A FIFTEEN MINUTE HOLE IN IT. IF SPACE CAN BE FOUND (AND HE AND

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WE SEE SEVERAL GAPS), HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT ASIAN PROBLEMS, IN PART BECAUSE OF JAPAN'S FALLING IN HIS SPHERE OF RESPONSIBILITY, BUT ALSO, WE ASSUME, BECAUSE OF ROMANIAN INTEREST IN CHINA. SINCE CU MATTERS WILL HAVE BEEN TREATED IN REVIEW TALKS, HE SUGGESTED CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HITCHCOCK AFTER TALKS BE DELETED FROM SCHEDULE; WE CONCUR UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS TO BE TAKEN UP.

4. RE IREX MEETING (PARA 15 REFTEL) GLIGA GLAD TO ACCEPT LUNCH WITH KASSOFF AND IREX GROUP (IF SOME OF IREX UNIVERSITY MEMBERS COULD BE THERE IT STRIKES US AS ALL THE BETTER). HE SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE TO CALL ON KASSOFF "SINCE IREX NON-OFFICIAL".

5. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED PRESS SESSION (REFTEL PARA 8) IN PASSING. GLIGA SHOWED LIMITED INTEREST, BUT SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED FOR A BACKGROUNDER. MATTER LEFT UP TO ROMANIANS TO ARRANGE IF DESIRED. HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE INTERESTED IN VISIT TO COLUMBIA, SINCE HE DOES NOT KNOW AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 16. GIVEN TIGHTNESS OF SCHEDULE WE HAVE GIVEN UP PUSHING IDEA OF LEAVING WASHINGTON-NEW YORK AREA.

6. RE PARA 17 ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT GLIGA WILL BE VISITING VARIOUS ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK AND NO HELP NEEDED FROM OUR SIDE.

7. CALL ON GERMAN MARSHALL FUND (GMF) (REFTEL PARA 18) WAS RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY IN VIEW OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ROMANIAN TIE-IN WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. GLIGA MET WITH BEN READ IN AUGUST 1974 WHEN HE WAS IN ROMANIA FOR WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR SAW READ IN DECEMBER 1975 AND WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE SIZE OF FUND'S PROGRAMS OFFERS USEFUL PROSPECTS (E.G., NEIMAN FELLOWSHIPS). GLIGA INCIDENTALLY MENTIONED HE HAD SENT A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARTY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS STEFAN ANDREI ASKING FOR ANDREI'S BLESSINGS ON SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITITES FOR MORE ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. AFTER GMF, EISENHOWER FELLOWSHIPS, HARVARD ADVANCE STUDIES, GLIGA AGREES TO READ VISIT IF SCHEDULE PERMITS.

8. GLIGA TOLD US NO REPRESENTATIVE FROM MINED WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOMPANY. HE IS TAKING FORMER CULTURAL COUNSELOR AND MIRCEA MITRAN WHO HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US SINCE HIS RETURN. QUESTIONS DEALING WITH MINED SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN UP WITH MITRAN OR IF NEED BE GLIGA.

9. MISCELLANEOUS: A) GLIGA ACCEPTS CIES FEB 13 INVITATION WITH PLEASURE. B) WE SUGGEST SESSION WITH EAST EUROPEAN DIRECTOR ISTVAN DEAK WHOM AMBASSADOR HAS WRITTEN AND OTHER

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INTERESTED FACULTY MEMBERS AND FORMER EXCHANGEES.
C) HE HOPES VERY MUCH SESSION CAN BE ARRANGED WITH
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

10. WE WILL BE SENDING AT END OF WEEK OUR RECOMMENDATIONS
ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS. MEANWHILE, MANY THANKS FOR
THOROUGH WORK DONE.
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